committee did not have reasons to believe that there were misappropriation of funds allotted by ICAR. Audit Utilisation Certificates also confirmed the utilisation of funds within budgetary limit'

Based on the recommendations of the committee for streamlining the procedures and maintenance of records for financial transactions, the concerned staff of the KVK was oriented and further follow up was made by the Zonal Coordinating Unit.

(b) and (c) In view of above, there is no such proposal at present.

(d) An amount of Rs. 110.87 lakhs has been released to the KVK since its inception till 1998-99.

NCDC finance for Fish Market

23. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Cooperative Development Cooperation has evolved any plan to finance fish markets in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to encourage the development of marketing infrastructure for fishermen in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) to (c) NCDC has not evolved any specific plan to finance fish market, especially in Andhra Pradesh. However, NCDC is operating Integrated Fisheries Development Projects (IFDP) in the country wherein all the activities from production to marketing are covered. As on 31.3.99, NCDC has released an amount of Rs. 1479.415 lakhs to the Andhra Pradesh under the IFDP scheme. Further, NCDC has not received any such proposals from Andhra Pradesh recommended by the State Government.